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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: S. Res. 115

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. On 5 May 1959 Senator Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.) introduced S. Res. 115 which authorizes the Committee on Government Operations to conduct studies as to the effectiveness of present governmental organization and procedures for the development and execution of national policy for survival in the contest with world communism. Attached as Tab A is an excerpt from the Congressional Record which contains the Senator's comments as he introduced the resolution and also contains the text.

3. In this particular case, Senator Jackson was introducing a resolution which had the previous unanimous approval of the full Committee on Government Operations. Technically it has been referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration since, under Senate rules, resolutions for expenditures of Senate funds are considered in the Rules Committee. Prior to discussing the matter in Government Operations, Senator Jackson had carefully coordinated his proposal with Senators Lyndon Johnson, Richard Russell and J. W. Fulbright who apparently agreed that this was a desirable action. The matter was due for consideration by the Rules Committee last week but due to pressure of business was not considered by the Committee but it probably will be considered favorably today by the Rules Committee.

4. Pertinent to Jackson's resolution is his National War College speech delivered on 16 April in which he criticized the policy making machinery of the Executive Branch particularly concentrating on the National Security Council structure including the Planning Board and OCB. In this speech he mentioned that he is proposing to have a congressional study of the matter. He further indicates the general areas where the Congress could make constructive proposals. Senator Jackson blueprints his proposal for congressional study indicating that this would be the first congressional review of government methods for formulating national policy in cold war. A copy of that speech is attached as Tab B.

5. Also of interest is Senator Jackson's speech on 2 May 1959 before the American Society of International Law. In this speech he summarizes briefly the theme of his War College speech and then concentrates on his idea of the creation by statute of an academy of national policy. To date he has not yet introduced a bill for this academy. He proposed that such an academy would make studies of national security policy to assist the President and the National Security Council. The academy would be governed by a small board of trustees appointed by the President with the approval of the Senate. Attached is a copy of that speech as Tab C.

6. Certainly Jackson's thinking on these matters is not on the spur of the moment and it appears he has carefully calculated his moves and is deeply serious about proposed hearings in this field. In fact, he has personally told me of his views in this regard.

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